



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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May 3, 1999

Robert F. Bauer, Esquire
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607 Fourteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005-2011

RE: MUR 4317 and MUR 4323

Dear Mr. Bauer:

This is in reference to two complaints which you filed with the Federal Election Commission on March 4, 1996 and March 8, 1996, against the Huckabee Election Committee (U.S. Senate), the Huckabee Election Committee, and The Honorable Mike Huckabee. Based on the complaints, the Commission found that there was reason to believe in MUR 4317 that the Huckabee Election Committee (U.S. Senate) and Prissy Hickerson, as treasurer, ("the Senate Committee"), had violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b)(3)(A) and 441b; and that there was reason to believe in MUR 4323 that the Senate Committee had violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b)(3)(A) and 441b, the Huckabee Election Committee and Prissy Hickerson, as treasurer, ("the State Committee"), had violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b; and the Honorable Mike Huckabee had violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b.

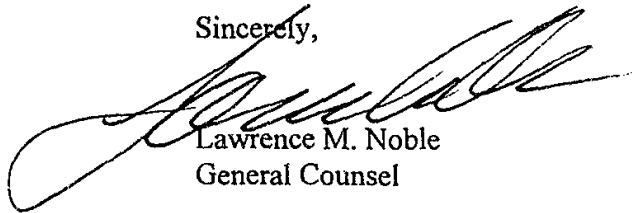
After an investigation was conducted and the General Counsel's and respondents' briefs were considered, the Commission on April 13, 1999, found probable cause to believe in MUR 4317 that the Huckabee Election Committee (U.S. Senate) and Prissy Hickerson, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b, a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended; however, after considering the circumstances of this matter the Commission determined to take no further action with respect to this violation. The Commission also found probable cause to believe in MUR 4323 that the Huckabee Election Committee (U.S. Senate) and Prissy Hickerson, as treasurer, the Huckabee Election Committee and Prissy Hickerson, as treasurer, and the Honorable Mike Huckabee violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b, but again determined to take no further action. Further, in MUR 4317 the Commission rejected a recommendation to find probable cause to believe the Huckabee Election Committee (U.S. Senate) and Prissy Hickerson, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)(A), and in MUR 4323 the Commission determined to take no further action with regard to a violation of the same provision. The Commission then closed the files in these matters. These matters will become part of the public record within 30 days.

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The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissals of these actions. See 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact Anne A. Weissenborn, the senior attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lawrence M. Noble", written over the typed name.

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

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